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By: **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request –
Departmental – Minority Affairs, Office of)**

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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Office of Minority Affairs – Duties of Special Secretary – Minority Business**
3 **Enterprises**

4 FOR the purpose of expanding the duties of the Special Secretary of the Office of
5 Minority Affairs to include the promotion and coordination of certain training
6 and participation in certain plans, programs, and operations concerning
7 minority business enterprises; and generally relating to the duties of the Special
8 Secretary of the Office of Minority Affairs.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article – State Government
11 Section 9–305
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
15 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article – State Government**

17 9–305.

18 (a) This section applies to the following minority business enterprises:

19 (1) a publicly owned business if 1 or more minority persons own at
20 least 51% of the stock of the business; or

21 (2) any other business if 1 or more minority persons own at least 50%
22 of the business.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (b) Subject to the limitations of any law that governs the activities of other
2 units of the Executive Branch of the State government, the Special Secretary shall:

3 (1) carry out each State or federal program that is created to promote
4 the growth of or participation in minority business enterprises;

5 **(2) PROMOTE AND COORDINATE TRAINING REGARDING THE**
6 **REQUIREMENTS OF THE MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM;**

7 **[(2)] (3)** promote [and], coordinate, **AND PARTICIPATE IN** the plans,
8 programs, and operations of the State government that promote or otherwise affect the
9 establishment, preservation, and strengthening of minority business enterprises;

10 **[(3)] (4)** promote activities and the use of the resources of the State
11 government, local governments, and private entities for the growth of minority
12 business enterprises;

13 **[(4)] (5)** coordinate the effort of private entities and public agencies
14 to develop minority business enterprises;

15 **[(5)] (6)** establish a system to develop, collect, summarize, and give
16 out information that would help a person to:

17 (i) establish a minority business enterprise;

18 (ii) operate a minority business enterprise successfully; or

19 (iii) promote the establishment and successful operation of
20 minority business enterprises; and

21 **[(6)] (7)** subject to the limitations of law and the availability of funds:

22 (i) provide technical and managerial assistance to minority
23 business enterprises;

24 (ii) provide the managerial and organizational framework for
25 private entities and units of the State government to plan and carry out joint
26 undertakings that relate to minority business enterprises; and

27 (iii) pay, wholly or partly, the costs of a pilot or demonstration
28 project that is intended to overcome the special problems of minority business
29 enterprises.

30 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
31 July 1, 2012.